

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L DOHA 0249

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, QA  
SUBJECT: AMIR OF QATAR'S 5TH ANNIVERSARY IN POWER PASSES  
ROUTINELY

REF: DOHA 210, DOHA 146

1. FEB 22 FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF SEIZURE OF POWER BY AMIR OF  
QATAR, SHAYKH KHALIFA BIN HAMAD AL THANI, HAS PASSED ROUTINELY.  
IT WAS USUAL BUSINESS DAY WITHIN GOQ AND AMIR HAD REGULAR  
SCHEDULE OF APPOINTMENTS WHICH INCLUDED MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR  
WHOSE CONGRATULATIONS AMIR MODESTLY ACKNOWLEDGED WHILE CLEARLY  
INDICATING THERE WAS NOTHING SPECIAL ABOUT OCCASION.

2. MEDIA BROADCASTED LIST OF WELL WISHING CABLES, MOSTLY FROM  
ARAB NOTABLES, AND TV CARRIED SPECIAL PROGRAMS PORTRAYING  
AMIR'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRY OVER PAST FIVE YEARS.  
ON THE POPULAR SIDE, THERE WERE ODES TO AMIR COMPOSED AND READ  
ON AIR BY LOCAL POETS, A COMMEMORATIVE PLASTIC AND GRAPHIC ARTS  
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CONTEST, AND SEVERAL GROUPS OF SWORD DANCERS POSITIONED IN  
VARIOUS SECTIONS OF DOHA. ALL FOREGOING WERE REPEATS OF  
MARKINGS OF OCCASION SIMILAR TO PREVIOUS YEARS.

3. ON SUBSTANTIVE SIDE, THERE WERE NOT, AS PREVIOUSLY RUMORED,  
ANY MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENTS OF NEW APPOINTMENTS, GOVERNMENT RE-  
ORGANIZATION OR OTHER MEASURES SIGNALLING THAT AMIR HAD DE-

DECIDED TO MOVE TO PUT AN END TO DISARRAY PRESENTLY AFFLICTING  
RULING FAMILY AND GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION. SEEMINGLY TO  
HIGHLIGHT THIS DISARRAY, FOREIGN MINISTER, SHAYKH SUHAYM BIN  
HAMAD AL THANI, UNDERSCORED HIS CONTINUING FEUD WITH AMIR BY  
ABSENTING HIMSELF FROM HIS OFFICE ON FEB 22.  
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